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Ms. Helen Shannon  
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Re: Preliminary Assessment for GSA, Eastern Distribution Center Burlington, NJ

Dear Ms. Shannon,

On behalf of GSA, Eastern Distribution Center (EDC), Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. (G&O) is pleased to submit to you a copy of the Preliminary Assessment (PA) for the facility as required under Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket Update 22. A CD containing an electronic copy of the report and supporting information is also included.

The EDC, located at 1900 River Rd in Burlington, New Jersey, receives, packages, and ships goods to federal agencies throughout the world. Hazardous waste at the site is generated when expired or damaged hazardous materials are determined to be unusable. The trained professionals of the EDC identify, segregate, repackage, and recycle materials, and either return materials to use or declare materials as waste. Managers at the facility have instituted high standards of safety and created Standard Operating Procedures for handling of all hazardous materials. This includes requiring employees to complete a hazardous wastes training program. The total amount of waste stored at the facility is relatively small; about 2,659 gallons of hazardous waste was disposed of from April 2007 to April 2008. The site score for the Preliminary Assessment is 27.6. Since this score is below the threshold of 28.5, it is recommended that the Eastern Distribution Center be dismissed from further investigation. In addition to the PA, a draft HRS score was prepared. This score came to 0.34. The attached report contains both the PA and HRS scoresheets in addition to the PA report.

Please feel free to contact Christi Davis, GSA Region 3 Senior Environmental Engineer, at 215-446-4583 or Christi.Davis@GSA.Gov if you should have any questions or concerns with its content.

Sincerely,

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